

Life is like a journey on a train, with its stations,  
Change of routes, differing scenes, and accidents!  
At birth we boarded the train and met our parents,  
And we believed they would always travel at our side.  
However, at some station down the line our parents stepped off,  
Leaving the train and us alone to continue on our own.

As time passed, other people boarded the train;  
And they were significant: siblings, friends, children,  
And even the Love of our life.

Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum.  
Others will go so unnoticed that we didn't realize  
That they had vacated their seats.

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy,  
Expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells.

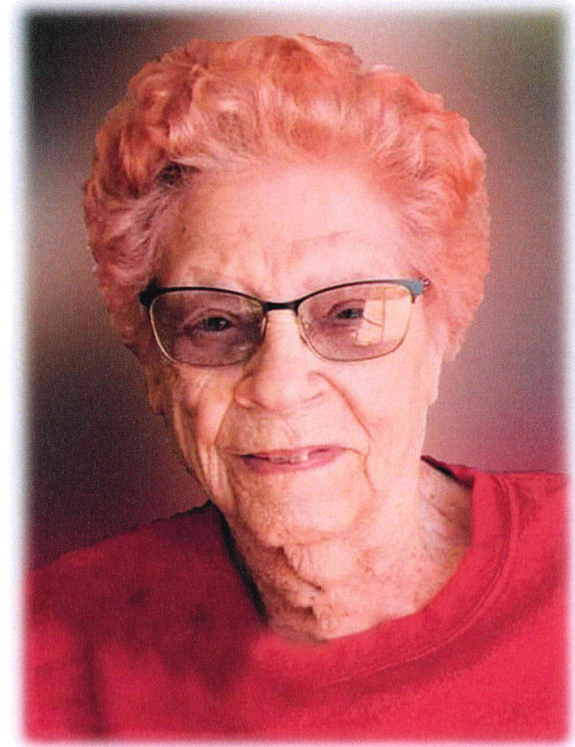
Success consists of having a good relationship with all the  
Passengers ... requiring that we give the best of ourselves.  
The mystery to everyone is: we don't know at which station  
We ourselves will be asked to step off. So we must live  
In the best way – Love, forgive, and offer the best of whom  
We are. It is important to do this, because when the time  
Comes for us to exit, leaving our seat empty, we should  
Leave behind beautiful memories for those who will  
Continue riding the train of life without us.

I wish you a joyful journey for the remaining years on  
Your train of life. Reap success, give lots of love, and  
Be happy. More importantly, be thankful for your journey!  
Lastly, I thank you for being one of the passengers  
On my train.

Author Unknown



## *Celebrating The Life Of Rachel Jessie Yungeberg*



*September 4, 1930*

*August 26, 2023*

*“Love is stronger than death and  
nothing can ever take it's place”*

Rachel was born September 4, 1930, (She always said she was born the day the banks closed!) to Jess and Mable (Fox) Volentine at home on a farm north of Burt, Iowa.

She graduated from Lone Rock High School in 1947. Rachel married Harry Dale Yungeberg on July 10, 1949, at the Presbyterian Church in Algona, Iowa. Three children were born to this union, Nancy Ailene, Marilyn Lee, and Ernest Dale.

She enjoyed crocheting, sewing, (making lots of matching dresses for the girls) and making blankets for her children and grandchildren. Rachel also liked putting puzzles together, playing cards, doing crafts, and taking care of the grandkids. She could whip up a meal on a minute's notice! Her drink of choice was good strong fresh hot coffee!

Rachel clerked a lot of house sales with her auctioneer husband Dale in Algona and the surrounding area. In 1965, they moved to Platte, South Dakota, then to Hawarden, Iowa in 1967. She worked at Swanson's Hardware, Coast to Coast, and Coilcraft.

After breaking her hip, she entered Hillcrest Health Care Services in October 2016. Mom loved playing Bingo at the care center and of course winning! She also loved all the games and entertainment. Rachel's favorite place to be was sitting in the entryway of Hillcrest and watching who came in, usually with her leg over the arm of the rocking chair! We appreciate all the love and care given to her at Hillcrest; her care givers, her birthday twin nurse Hillary, Lisa Millage, and the whole staff at Hillcrest. Also, many thanks to Katie from St. Croix Hospice, she helped us greatly with meds, concern, and visits with mom through this point in her life. She passed away on Saturday, August 26, 2023 at Hillcrest Health Care Services at the age of 92.

Rachel is survived by: her daughters, Nancy (Marlin) Eilts of Ireton, Iowa and Marilyn (Dennis) Plueger of Le Mars, Iowa and son, Ernie (Mary) Yungeberg of Valley Springs, South Dakota; her sister, Delores (Leroy) Thilges of Algona; sister-in-law, Marie Volentine of Council Bluffs, Iowa; grandchildren, Scott (Shahin) Eilts, Christopher (Shauna) Eilts, and Brett (Jolynne) Eilts; Chad (Shelly) Plueger, Jeromy (fiancée Kelly) Plueger, Brian (Alisha) Plueger, and Katie Detloff; Christopher (Heather) Yungeberg and Michael (Katie) Yungeberg; 22 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; also survived by many loving nieces and nephews; good friends, Linda Waterman and Harlan and Linda Van Egdome.

Preceding her in death were her husband Dale of 64 years in 2014; parents, Jess and Mabel Volentine; sisters, Vivian (Robert) Leininger and Darlene (Durwood) Rutledge; brother, Donald Volentine; brother-in-law, Robert Dodds; niece, Cathie Rutledge; and three nephews, Dean Leininger, Gerald Leininger, and Timothy Volentine; also Dale's siblings, Ray (Velma), Jane (Ralph) Drinen, Theresa Ovellete, Wanda as a young child, and two infant siblings.

*In Loving Memory Of*  
***Rachel Jessie Yungeberg***

**FUNERAL SERVICE**

11:00 a.m. Friday, September 1, 2023

Associated Church  
Hawarden, Iowa

**OFFICIATING**

Pastor Jean Layton

**ORGANIST**

Julie Hummel

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMNS**

*"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"* #638

*"In The Garden"* #242

**CASKET BEARERS**

Scott Eilts ~ Christopher Eilts

Brett Eilts ~ Chad Plueger

Jeromy Plueger ~ Brian Plueger

Katie Detloff ~ Christopher Yungeberg ~ Michael Yungeberg

**INTERMENT**

Pleasant Hill Cemetery

Ireton, Iowa

*Please join Rachel's family for lunch and fellowship at the Ireton Community Center following the committal service.*